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BOYS BAND RECEIVES WELL MERITED PRAISE

Albuquerque Boosters Given Glad Hand in Metropolis of the Valley. Boosters Surprised at Growth of Valley.

Trip Will Prove Beneficial

As jolly a bunch of boosters as ever hit the pike, came into Estancia last Tuesday soon after noon, when the Albuquerque Business Mens Trade Excursion arrived. Although the boosters had been preceded several hours by what Dr. Lukens termed a "gentle zephyr" and owing to a mishap at Belen the train arrived several hours behind the schedule time, a large number of Estancians and people from the surrounding neighborhood was on hand to extend a welcome to the visitors. Had the Boosters not been so enthusiastic when they first struck the valley and sent ahead their "gentle zephyr" the crowd would have been much larger.

After greetings at the train, a procession was formed headed by the Boys Band and the march over town begun. Advertising matter of all kinds was distributed, the booklet on Albuquerque distributed by Dr. Tight of the University of New Mexico being especially fine, replete with illustrations of the city, its buildings and places of interest.

The Boys Band did itself proud, the program presented being varied and of the very best. The compliments extended the boys on their splendid work were numerous, and if Mr. Leonard's head did not swell before he got out of town, the only reason was that it had already reached the limit. The Boys are a credit not only to the Leonard & Lindeman Music Store, but to the city of Albuquerque, William McIntosh "patron saint" of the boys, and every business man in Albuquerque. One of the boosters remarked that he had seen boys go wild over a band but had never before experienced anything like he saw here when men, women and children took after the boys. Everybody forgot how old they were and felt young again, enjoying the fun with everybody else.

Dr. Lukens, superintendent of the Children's Home, made a pleasant address just before the train pulled out, stating the objects of the excursion, and invited the Estancia people to patronize their home merchants in everything kept for sale here and when needing anything not found in the local stores to come to the metropolis of the territory where could be found everything needed during life from an infants dress to the wedding tressau, and on to the coffin and burial outfit. Hearty cheers were given the Estancia people, the Estancia ladies and the Estancia babies, by the Band Boys, followed by cheers for the Boosters and the Band Boys by the Estancians.

The one thing which seemed to impress the Boosters the most concerning the valley was the advancement and progress seen on every side. As the journey continued northward, a continual exclamation of surprise was sounded by the boosters at the amount of land in cultivation and now being seeded to crops. At the request of Dr. Lukens, the News editor accompanied the Boosters as far north as Moriarty, and was kept busy answering questions concerning the valley. A number of the Boosters had secured samples of potatoes "the kind that will make the Estancia Valley famous" for as one said "we dare not go back and tell what we have seen here without

substantial proof or we will be classed as members of the Ananias Club."

The Boosters proved a jolly bunch and will be welcome to Estancia whenever they care to return. Better acquaintance and closer friendship between the citizens of the metropolis and the valley can only act for good to all concerned.

The Morning Journal has the following to say of the Boosters stop in Estancia:

Estancia, the biggest and best town in the Estancia valley, accorded the Albuquerqueans a hearty welcome when the train reached that place. Ribbons bearing the inscription, "Estancia Welcomes Albuquerque Boosters," were worn by the ladies and gentlemen and the good will evident on every side was an indication that the welcome of the Estancia people was from the heart. Mayor John Kennedy delivered a short address of welcome, turning over the whole town to the Boosters and telling them to take anything they took a liking to. Several of the men of the party—unmarried men—immediately took a liking to some of the good looking ladies in Estancia and traded Booster badges for Estancia welcome badges. According to a number of the farmers who were in from the country to mingle with the Boosters, they expect a very prosperous crop this summer. Potatoes, for which the valley has a wide reputation, are doing fine and a record-breaking crop, both in quantity and quality is hoped for. The Boosters scattered all over town and seemed loath to leave Estancia, it being necessary to blow the engine whistle long and loud before the whole bunch could be packed in the train again.

Real Estate Transfers

Nathan Hill to Milton J. Wood, w1-2 se1-4 and se1-4 se1-4 sec. 31 and sw1-4 sw1-4 sec. 32, t5n, 7e, consideration \$1600.

Oliver H. Scott to Andrew Story, n1-2 ne1-4 and n1-2 ne1-4 sec. 9, t6n, r8e, consideration \$2350.

Willie Elgin to Annie M. Ayers e1-2 ne1-4 sec. 18 and w1-2 nw1-4 sec. 17, t7n, r9e, consideration \$1200.

C. C. Miller to O. W. Duer, sw1-4 sec. 5, t7n, r8e, consideration \$750.

Santiago Archuleta to S. A. Goldsmith, se1-4 sec. 33, t6n, r8e, consideration \$1 et al.

Minnie J. DeBruler to Andrew Story lot 10 block 51, Estancia, \$650.

J. N. Bush met an accident yesterday which will cause him not a little pain and inconvenience. While handling some of the heavy timbers at the new school building, one was dropped falling upon his left foot. He is able to get about, with the aid of a cane.

Jesus Candelaria and Emilio Otero of Tajique were in town today. They ordered ballots for the election of commissioners of the Tajique Land Grant.

Ladies don't forget to call and see the lovely new silks Mrs. Bagley has just received.

Gedavale School District No 35

Beginning at the government corner stone on the base line between townships numbered 1n, 10e and 1n, 11e, N. M. P. M. thence north eighteen miles, thence east six miles, thence south six miles, thence east six miles, thence south twelve miles, thence west twelve miles, to the point of beginning. Created April 10, 1909.

Chas. L. Burt, Supt. of Schools.

WILLIE SELF WINS MEDAL

In Gratorical Contest at Ciose of Estancia Schools

The closing exercises of the Estancia Public Schools, held at the Baptist Church on last Friday night were witnessed by a large number of patrons of the school, the room being filled to overflowing. The program as published in the News of last week, was carried out, the pupils accrediting themselves well in their various parts.

In the oratorical contest Willie Self won first honors and was given the medal, with Lella Laws and Marguerite Roberts tying for second. All of the six contestants showed splendid training and preparation, and considering the fact that this was the first attempt along this line, proved a most meritorious affair.

The past term of school has been the most successful since the opening of the Estancia schools, and this in spite of the fact that the teachers were handicapped for room, three different buildings having been used in various parts of the town. The new commodious brick structure now being erected will be ready for occupancy before the opening of the fall term, and with the better facilities and more room, the Estancia schools will hold their place at the head of the county schools, and rank along with those of many an older community and larger city.

Accident After Dance.

Quite a number of Estancia young people attended the W. O. W. Ball at McIntosh last night, reporting a pleasant time. An accident, which although serious, might easily have proven worse. When about ready to start home, Miss Atha Boyer entered one of the rigs, while some of the young men were unhitching the horses. It seems the horses had stripped the bridles, and being loose, broke away. Miss Boyer jumped or was thrown from the rig, suffering severe bruises and a wrenched knee. The horses had quite a lively run before being caught.

Mass Sunday Morning.

Rev. Father Bessett of Santa Fe will celebrate mass on Sunday morning, April 25, at 9 o'clock at the house of Celestino Ortiz. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

Rabbit Drive Postponed.

The rabbit drive which was to have occurred yesterday northeast of Estancia, was postponed on account of the stormy weather, and will occur on next Tuesday April 27. Everybody is urged to turn out and help, the place of meeting being at the ranch of J. C. Davis, eight miles north-east of Estancia. Bring plain basket dinner.

Sidney Cox Becomes Benedict

The News is in receipt of a card announcing the marriage at Mountain Park, N. M., of Sidney H. Cox and May Boyd, on the 13th inst. Mr. and Mrs. Cox will make their home at Oscura, N. M., where the groom is in the cattle business with a brother. Sidney is one of the old-timers in the Estancia Valley and has numerous friends here who wish him well.

WELL DOWN 606 FEET

Work Stopped until New Line Pipe can be Secured

President Spore of the Artesian Well company reports the well down 606 feet, in red sandstone. After passing through the fifteen feet of sandstone, the drill dropped a few feet through a pocket into a clay formation. After passing through the clay, rock was again encountered, at the above depth. The casing was sunk to this rock, shutting off all water and silt, and the hole thoroughly cleaned, leaving the well in good condition.

The line pipe which has been used in drilling has become so worn that it is not safe to proceed with it, and the work has been shut down, until a new one can be secured. While the old pipe might put the hole through the rock, there is danger of its giving way, and dropping thus spoiling the work. The directors decided on Monday to stop the work for the present and secure sufficient funds for a new pipe before attempting to go farther. The committee is at work and meeting with success. An extra effort is required at this time, and everyone is urged to add a little more to their subscription for stock, that the work may go ahead.

Box Supper and Ball

There will be a box supper at the M. E. Church on Friday evening, April 30th, for the benefit of the Artesian well fund. Everyone is invited to come and the ladies are hereby solicited to bring well filled boxes.

On the same night there will be a Ball at Walker's hall, also for the benefit of the artesian well fund.

Both these events will be held so as to conflict as little with each other as possible and the box supper will be almost over before the dance will begin.

At the Box supper the boxes will be sold at auction.

Admission to ball. Gentlemen \$1.00, Ladies free.

Drilling on the well is temporarily suspended and these events are given to raise money to help continue this good work.

The well is now 606 feet deep and cased from top to bottom. There is every indication that artesian water is in sight and all that is now needed is sufficient funds to develop it.

Everyone in the Estancia Valley should be especially interested in the above cause. Come and take a part and do all you can to boost along.

Every lady is requested to prepare a box and bring it, to help along the work. The success of the affair will depend on the number of boxes on hand.

J. H. Buckelew and John Block have gone to Arizona, looking for range for their cattle. They are driving through.

DRY FARMING A SUCCESS IN COLORADO

Lond near Denver, Farmed Scientifically, Produces Marvelous with Minimum Precipitation. Large Orchard Pays for itself in few Years

Observations of E. R. Parsons

I commenced operations with 160 acres. With the help of cows, pigs, bees and chickens our income amounted to about \$8 per day. I now have about 1200 acres, and make my money out of steers, alfalfa, corn and fruit. My formula has been, "First get your moisture, then raise a crop on it." Figure out that every year will be a dry year with the minimum of precipitation. In my part of Colorado the minimum during the growing season in 30 years has been 2 to 2½ inches. To meet this without fear of failure we need at planting time at least three feet of moisture. The most profitable way of operating is naturally to raise crops as often and continuously as possible, which necessitates obtaining the greatest amount of moisture in the smallest amount of time. This can best be done by deep plowing, followed by fallowing.

HARVESTING CORN

When corn has been harvested after an average season, if the plowing and cultivation have been good, there is usually some moisture left over, probably one or two feet, about 10 per cent wet. Then by disking and cultivating as soon as possible and keeping the land open all winter and spring, we can usually secure at least three feet of moisture by planting time, and if this three feet contains about 12 to 15 per cent water, a fine crop can be raised with the minimum rainfall of 2 to 2½ inches during the growing season.

The moisture in a subsoil usually runs well after a wet winter like the present, but should it fall as low as 6 to 8 per cent in the upper three feet, it had better be fallowed for an entire season.

Where the precipitation is less than this vicinity (Parker, Colo., near Denver) it may be necessary to fallow every other year.

MATTER OF MOISTURE

I dwell at length on the questions of moisture to show that by eliminating all elements of chance we can make of this dry farming almost an exact science. If you can secure three feet of moist soil by planting time and this soil contains 12 to 15 per cent water, the roots of your crop will go into it, and you thereby will bring into action three feet of soil. This in the secret of 30 and 40 bushel crops, instead of 15 or 20 bushels.

The practical depth for the small farmer to plow is 10 or 12 inches, or as deep as he can go with one team of three or four horses without keeping an extra man for subsoiling. My experience with sod is that if you plow it three or four inches, Kansas or Nebraska fashion, it dries out and does not rot, and sowing anything on it is like trying to raise a crop on a rag carpet. We disk our sod land when it is wet in summer or fall, getting down about three inches, then plow five inches deeper, then disk again, and harrow until the ground is as fine as old land before planting.

CHEAP ALFALFA

My alfalfa costs me in actual work about 75 to 90 cents a ton in the stack. It costs the irrigator in labor and water \$1.90 to \$2. The same is true with all crops.

To make an exact science of the orchard branch of dry farming, you take no risks whatever by getting your moisture before planting your trees and then by bottling in the subsoil more than the trees can use you render your orchard absolutely drought-proof.

I started by planting a small family orchard in 1896-97. By intense cultivation I secured about three to four feet of moisture from the surface down before planting a tree. We soon had all

the small fruits we wanted, and apples began to appear on the trees. By cultivation the moisture kept gaining, and in 1895 the little orchard contained 12 feet of moisture from the surface down. This orchard was planted on what was originally dry buffalo grass prairie, not in a draw, but on a flat hillside, and on the grass land on the side of the orchard there was no moisture showing at any depth. In 1895 I planted a commercial orchard of 2000 trees with the same results. The fifth year the cherries and plums had paid for the orchard to date, and since then, with two bad years, I have sold from \$2500 to \$4000 worth of cherries, plums and apples.

IMMENSE POSSIBILITY

There is an immense field for this business in the plains region, and people will come for miles to get the cherries. Sour cherries are the best drought resisting and hardiest trees I know of, and will stand almost anything except seepage, over-irrigation and flood water. Up to date, by careful cultivation, I have accumulated nearly 20 feet of moisture in the soil from the surface down. On the prairie adjoining there is no moisture at any depth.

The snows of winter may be conserved by a simple device of throwing up back furrows at right angles to the general direction of the wind. By this device you can have your orchard covered with snow drifts when the adjoining prairie is bare and your orchard gets the benefit of the moisture when the snow melts.—El Paso Herald.

Mrs. J. N. Bush arrived last Saturday from Oklahoma, to join her husband and daughter here.

Methodist Church Notes.

Rev. A. M. Steele will preach Sunday night. Subject, "The Mirage."

The Ladies Aid held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Green. A large number were present and enjoyed themselves very much.

Preparations for the observance of Children's Day, June 13th, are under way by the Sunday School.

Presbyterian Church Notes.

Randolph Carver will preach at Moriarty next Sunday evening.

Randolph Carver preached Sunday morning at Moriarty and in the evening at Stanley.

The Westminster Circle will meet Wednesday afternoon, April 28, with Mrs. Berry.

Randolph Carver, having been absent for several days on church duties returned to Estancia Wednesday evening.

The Presbyterians will hold regular services at the M. E. Church Sunday morning, Rev. J. R. Carver, preaching. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Presbyterians will hold a round-table business meeting at the Mountain View Rooming House Tuesday evening, April 27. Light refreshments will be served. All those interested in the work are urged to attend, plan for the good of the cause and enjoy the evening.